



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
June 14, 2026
10:00 a.m. Worship

A Special Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

We hope that the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of Christ's love are gifts to you as we worship God together. **We encourage you to explore our bulletin, fill out a Visitor Card or the red fellowship pad at the end of your row, and take home a welcome folder found just outside Covenant Hall.**

We are a caring community of friends who come from a variety of backgrounds to seek God in this place. We are united by our faith in Christ, our care and nurture of children and families, our love of learning, our appreciation of music and worship, our passion for service, and our desire to deepen our spiritual lives. Bradley Hills is a safe place to ask the deep questions of life and a community that embraces each spiritual journey.

We seek to be a welcoming witness to the love of Jesus Christ. We believe that diversity in our membership--different ages, genders, ethnicities, abilities, races, sexual orientations, ideological and theological beliefs, and experiences - is an important strength. We come from a variety of denominational backgrounds and from around the world. We are all God's children, united by God's love.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers ages 3 and under in our nursery. All children are welcome to grab an activity bag and children's bulletins for the service.

We hope we have a chance to greet you and get to know you. There are a lot of exciting activities happening at BHPC that we would love for you to be a part of. If we can share any information about the church or be of support to you in any way, just let us know. We invite you to explore our website at www.bradleyhillchurch.org.

In Christ's hope,
David Gray, Senior Pastor |
david@bradleyhillchurch.org



Get Connected | Explore Membership

BHPC is excited to welcome you to our growing community. Pastor David will be available to meet with families or individuals interested in connecting more at BHPC or exploring membership. Just email David to set up a time to connect or a new members class will be held on June 28. New members join July 12!

GATHERING TOGETHER

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BMV 847

Giles Cooke
J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Denise Diaab

One: Free our souls from fear, O Lord.

All: Feed our souls with generosity.

One: Free our hearts from worry, O Lord.

All: Feed our hearts with love.

One: Day by day we are learning to be your people.

All: Guide us closer to you and one another as we worship you.

*HYMN 132

Come, Great God of All The Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Come, great God of all the ages, make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, may Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor David Gray

CONFESSING AND PRAISING

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in this world. Yet we do not always follow your call. Forgive us when we turn away from you and go our own way. Break us free from the myth of self sufficiency and turn us around to see your generous grace in our lives. Help us to live into your abundance of love for all your people, as we pray...

Silence for personal confession.

One: We pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE & INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Children are invited, with the permission of their parents, to come forward and sit on the Chancel steps for the children's message.

Spirit of the Living God (#322)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2x)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Recognition of Graduates

DCYFM Rosanna Howard

Children (pre-k through fifth grade) are invited to exit Covenant Hall for Church School. If this is your child's first time at Bradley Hills, please accompany them out to meet their teacher in the Gathering Space.

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE FOR CHILDREN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (vs 1)

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime. (2x)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

from Micah 6; Galatians 5: 22-23

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Fruit of the Summertime Spirit

David Gray

*HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

vs. 1, 3-4

from Glory to God

Refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;

Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;

And over the eons you called to each thing,

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Refrain

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Refrain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN FAITH

Commissioning of Summer Trips

RESPONSE IN OFFERINGS

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Scan the QR code to make an offering or place your offering in the offering plate or basket, make a pledge through Giving Now or under the Stewardship section of the website. As we make our offerings, guests are encouraged to fill out the Visitor Card or the fellowship pads in your row; fellowship pads can be passed to the end of your row and back so that we might greet each other in our rows by name following the service.



.OFFERTORY

Prelude in A major, BWV 864

J.S. Bach

*SUNG OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONSE IN PRAYER

RESPONSE IN PRAYER - CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Response for Concerns:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Response for Celebrations:

One: With thanksgiving,

All: We praise the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC

Prelude in B-flat major, BWV 866

J.S. Bach

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Flower Dedication | From Venus Masselam - dedicated to her sisters May and Marcelle.

Congratulations BHPC Graduates

Julia Anderson, Albert Einstein High School
William Ekrem, Winston Churchill High School
Anna Madeleine Petrides, Walt Whitman High School
Rowan Mailhot, Walter Johnson High School
Ava Marie Mills, Tuscarora High School
Bobby Zedak, Walt Whitman High School

Alethea Coffey, B.S. in Biology from Queen's University
Joseph Ekrem, University of Pittsburgh
Laurel Olivia Petrides, M.A. from University of Michigan

Preview of June 21

Summer Schedule | One service at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall and online

Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

10:00 a.m. One service in Covenant Hall and online

There will be a very brief congregational meeting after worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 21 in Covenant Hall and online to elect our new nominating committee. The nominees are:

Curt West | Kim Brinkman | Carol Whitley | Carol McLeod | Ed Hummers
Lee Anne Graueb | Melanie Mace

Smart Sacks | Join us in the Lounge immediately after the 10:00 service to assemble the sacks, which will go to area families in need. **This will be our last Smart Sacks of the program year. We will start back in the Fall.**



Summer Sanctuary Plans | This summer we replace our original Sanctuary floor and surrounding areas with a beautiful, long-lasting, musically supportive, new floor. We look forward to celebrating our return to the Sanctuary by September. Thanks for your patience.



Pride 2026

BHPC will again be connecting with our broader Presbytery for events during this Pride month. For more information about activities, see David or Denise.



Join the First Fruit Offering! | We are currently in the season of our First Fruit Offering (FFO) for the "Here for Good" capital campaign! This is a special time for our congregation to make our initial, joyful contributions toward our shared vision for the future. Whether you are making the first gift toward your pledge or a one-time contribution, you can make your First Fruit Offering today by placing a check in the offering plate (with "Here for Good" in the notation line) or by visiting the giving page on the Bradley Hills website. Join us for a special "Strawberries and Cream" Coffee Hour Celebration on Sunday, July 12th to mark the close of the FFO season! **Questions? Reach out to any member of our team: Steve & Joan Burns, Bruce & Julie Hunter, or Neil & Abby Imus.**



A Stewardship Note | During this time of travel and vacations, we especially thank you for your gifts that allow us to livestream services to reach those near and far. And remember that because of that livestream you can join us for worship even when you are away.

Ways to Give at BHPC

Cash or Check Giving



6601 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, MD 20817

Text Giving



Text "BHPC"
to 73256

Mobile Giving



Download the
Realm Connect App

Realm Giving



Access the
Bradley Hills Giving page

www.BradleyHillsChurch.org

Click the **GIVE NOW** button

Livestream Worship Note | If the worship service begins and the livestream doesn't appear to be working, we are aware of the issue as we watch the services while we broadcast them. We will be working to get the livestream up and running as fast as possible.



BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026
COMPASSION CAMP: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

When: August 2026 (either August 17-19 or August 17-20, depending on MCPS calendar updates)

Where: Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Cost: Early Bird Registration by May 31, 2026 - \$50/per child
Regular Registration by August 5, 2026 - \$65/per child
Registration opens on May 1, 2026



Action Forum

Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Library
Lunch provided.

What is the Action Forum?

The Action Forum has become a regular feature at Bradley Hills since March 2025, meeting most months, on a Sunday after worship, where members and guests meet in the Library over a light lunch.



The gathering offers a platform for constructive sharing of our personal and denominational observations regarding changes to the leadership landscape across our country. Many such changes impact our members and impact the lives of those whom we serve as part of our faith. The Action Forum offers us the time and space to learn more about a variety of topics, such as the impact of job losses, responding to increasing hunger in our region and globally, various ways in which the marginalized continue to be harmed, and much more. The expected topics for the coming months are: dehumanization and fear related to detention centers and deportation; data centers; and the loss of voting rights for “the least among us.”

On Sunday June 14th, those who attend will learn about a meaningful volunteer response that has arisen from within our congregation to offer assurance and support to those affected by the climate of fear. We will also share ideas and updates about how to build on efforts that are well underway.

Celebrations & Concerns: Please Pray With Us

We hold in God's healing presence those who are experiencing grief and loss, including:

- The family of Joanna Schmeissner whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in Covenant Hall, August 23, followed by a reception.
- The family of Nancy Taylor (Laura Creech's mother) whose Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be in the sanctuary, September 27, followed by a reception.

We give thanks to God for joys and celebrations, including:

- Congratulations and all blessings to Jessica (Linda Kauskay's daughter) & James Holcombe on the birth of their daughter, Reese Annabelle Holcombe, on June 9.
- Deep gratitude for Paul Vasile's time with BHPC as Interim Director of Music Ministries.
- We praise the Lord for Karen Pettigrew's healing and great response to her treatments.

We hold in God's healing presence those who suffer pain, ill health or other concerns.

- Those injured, having procedures of any kind, hospitalized, facing surgery, being treated for chronic illness, cancer, ALS, or Parkinson's, awaiting medical tests and/or results, receiving hospice care, and/or isolated from the community.
- Joan Burns for healing as she recovers from eye surgery on June 10.
- Prayers for health and well-being for: Christopher, Thomas Kirby, Debbie Bowis, Margaret and Kristine Yeager, Sharon Griffith, Donald Sutherland, Gloria Androa, Ed Everitt, Peg Flowe, Ben Flowe, James Scrogg, Venus Masselam, Vi Ozone, and Helen Hobson.

We hold in God's healing presence family and friends of BHPC community.

- Cynthia (mother of Joan & Steve's daughter-in-law) as she recovers from surgery.
- Lydia (Joan & Steve Burns' daughter-in-law) as she prepares for surgery on June 16.
- Karl, Piper Sutton, Kitty Morris, Marcie, Jack, Susan, Amin Behr, Shannon, Barbara, Rob, Doug, Graydon, Jeanne, Ed, Jan, Violet, and Lauren.

We hold in God's healing presence the suffering people of our world, and all the places where people are experiencing war, hurt, and division including:

- Peace in the Middle East.
- Those affected by hate, discrimination, and intolerance in all its forms.

THE ANNUAL SCOTLAND Join in support of this community celebration to be held
JUNETEENTH **Friday, June 19** at Cabin John Village Shopping
heritage festival Center.

The Interfaith Pavilion will be hosting a Love Your Neighbor activity, local community Social Action organizations, and lots of fun, fellowship and community building, all in support of Montgomery County's Black Community. This year the pavilion hours will be 9 a.m. -1 p.m., allowing volunteers and festival goers to participate in the afternoon festivities being held at Cabin John Park where the activities and entertainment will be taking place.

Visit www.juneteenthscotland.org for the full week-long schedule and list of events.

Our Staff

Senior Pastor	David Gray	david@bradleyhillschurch.org
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Child Caregivers - DelCarla Shorter and Izzy Ayala

Parish Associates - Wally Harman and Jong Mi Lee

Director of Music Emeritus - Donald S. Sutherland

Section Leaders - Marie Marquis (soprano), Natalia Kojanova (alto), Brynn Farlow (tenor)

Office Hours Update | This summer will include a major renovation project at BHPC! The replacement of the floors will affect how and when our staff is working on site. To help us continue serving the congregation effectively while also navigating construction and building access, our staff will be working more flexible hours when appropriate during the summer.

Beginning June 1, staff members will continue to be actively working throughout the week as usual, but some responsibilities may need to be handled remotely at times. **To reach a staff member, email is best!** Staff emails are listed in the second to last page of the weekly worship bulletins or we can be emailed through the church website. You can still reach the church office by phone as usual, but a returned call may take longer than usual. Staff will remain available for pastoral care, meetings, ministry support, worship planning and setting up activities, we just may have to be flexible in our planning.

Our planned summer office hours for June:

- The weeks of June 14-20, June 21-27 and June 28-July 4, the church hours on T, W and TH will shift to being open from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. As usual, the church offices will be closed Mondays and open from 9-1 on Fridays. Staff members may well be working in their offices at times beyond this as well, but email staff if possible before coming by.

The church office was closed from June 8-13, so we may be slower to return calls. Also, because of the rain some of the construction is delayed, so staff may not be able to return to our offices until mid week this coming week.

Worship Schedule

Summer worship schedule - 1 service at 10 a.m. in Covenant Hall

June 21 | Preaching: Pastor Denise Diaab

June 28 | Youth Mission Trip Report Back

July 5 | Communion | Preaching: Ming Hui Tseng

July 12 | Recognition of New Members | Preaching: Bob Deans

July 19 | Preaching: Ally McKinney Timm

July 26 | Preaching: Seminarian Han Setiawan

Interested in Staying Up-to-Date on BHPC? Get Connected!

Interested in staying connected and informed about BHPC? Contact our Office Manager at kristen@bradleyhillchurch.org, and ask her to add you to our weekly email list.



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Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. to 1